Construction of Railway Station at Datiwali

2240. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication requesting to construct a Railway Station at DATIWALI, between Diwa and Dombivali on Central Railway on Bombay Suburban Section; and

(b) if so, the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) A new halt station at kms. 44.32 from CSTM near Datiwali village on Diva-Panvel Line will be commissioned on Doubling of Diva-Panvel Line targeted for completion in March, 1998.

लम्बी दूरी की रेलगाड़ियों में पेय जल की आपूर्ति

2241. **श्रीमती आनंदी ज० पटेल:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने लंबी दूरी की रेलगाड़ियों में पीने का पानी थैलियों में भर कर उपलब्ध कराने संबंधी कोई योजना बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित किये जाने संभावना है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) से (ग) लम्बी दूरी की गाड़ियों में पीने के पानी के पाउचों की सप्लाई की कोई विशिष्ट योजना तैयार नहीं की गई है। बहरहाल, स्टेशन/गाड़ियों में नलों, जल प्रशीतकों, पानी के कन्टेनरों, जेरीकेनों, पानी की ट्रालियों, सैशे/थैलियों के जरिए पीने के पानी की संतोषजनक व्यस्था करने हेतु क्षेत्रीय रेलों को कहा गया है।

Construction of Rail Over Bridges in North Arcot Ambedkar District

2242. SHRI T.M. VENKATACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to the public at Nattrampalli, Vaniyambadi and Pachaikkuppam railway crossings in North Arcot Ambedkar District (NAAD) in Tamil Nadu because of the absence of over bridges; and

(b) whether Government propose to construct over bridges at these crossings in the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Government has not sponsored any firm proposal.

Gauge Conversion of Madras-Madurai rail line

2243. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge line from Madras to Madurai; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to survey the distance involved before undertaking broad gauge line construction in this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gauge Conversion work is in full swing on Madras Beach—Tiruchchirappali and Tiruchchirappali — Dindigul sections. These works are targetted to be completed by March '98 and December '98 respectively. Dindigul and Madurai are already linked with a BG line.